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AMENDMENT

This amendment is submitted in response to a non-final fifth office action in the above case dated March 3, 2007 ("Fifth Office Action), in which the Examiner rejected all the pending claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. On June 11th, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner had a phone interview discussing the prior art rejection and proposed amendments to the claims in which no agreement was reached. Applicants amend the claims herein to further distinguish the claims from the cited art and added claims 41-48. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 21-48 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.